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SUBJ: PANAMA TREATIES

1. PRESIDENT PEREZ TOLD ME TODAY THAT PRIOR TO THE SENATE VOTE AND BEFORE THEY WERE CERTAIN THAT A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION ON NON-INTERVENTION WOULD BE ACHIEVED, THE IDEA HAD BEEN FLOATED (APPARENTLY THE COLOMBIAN IDEA--BOGOTA 3581) TO HAVE THE OAS COUNCIL MEET AND "ENDORSE" THE RESOLUTION. NOW THAT THE OUTCOME IS SATISFACTORY, HOWEVER, THIS IDEA HAS BEEN DISCARDED.

2. PRESIDENT PEREZ SAID THAT TORRIJOS HAD SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT WHEN AND IF PRESIDENT CARTER COMES TO PANAMA TO EXCHANGE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION, THAT THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF THE "CONTADOR" POWERS SHOULD ALSO BE PRESENT. PEREZ SAID HE TOLD TORRIJOS THAT HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED, BUT THAT HE THOUGH TORRIJOS SHOULD CONSULT PRESIDENT CARTER TO SEE IF THAT WAS AGREEABLE TO HIM.

3.COMMENT: PEREZ HIMSELF IS VERY CLOSE TO JUBILANT ABOUT THE RATIFICATION. HE MADE A GLOWING AND ELOQUENT
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TRIBUTE TO THE US FOR THIS ACT WHEN HE
SPOKE TO A GROUP FROM THE IOWA FRIENDSHIP FORCE TODAY
(APRIL 20).
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